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SPECIFICATION AMENDMENTS

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Please **REPLACE** the first paragraph on page 1 in the section entitled "Cross Reference to Related Applications" with the following:

D1 The present Application is a Continuation of U.S. Patent Application No. 09/028,781 entitled "DATABASE DRIVEN ONLINE DISTRIBUTED TOURNAMENT SYSTEM", filed February 24, 1998, which issued as U.S. Patent No. US 6,224,486 B1 on May 1, 2001; which is a Continuation of U.S. Patent Application No. 08/635,576 filed April 22, 1996, which issued as U.S. Patent No. 5,779,549 on July 14, 1998, both of which are incorporated herein by reference.

Please **REPLACE** the third paragraph on page 21, with the following:

D2 Tournaments can also be based on games of luck or chance in which a player has no control over his progression through the tournament. One example is a slot machine tournament in which advancement to the next game session depends on the slot machine payout over the current game session. Since the slot machine payout is determined randomly, each participant in the tournament has the exact same chance to win. A database of all slot machine outcomes would of course be helpful in verifying the randomness of the algorithms used to create the outcomes.

Remarks

Applicants note a discrepancy in the identification of allowed claims indicated in the Notice of Allowability mailed January 28, 2002 and the Supplemental Notice of Allowability mailed April 17, 2002. In the Notice of Allowability mailed January 28, 2002 Examiner indicated that claims 105 - 114 are allowed. In the Supplemental Notice of Allowability mailed April 17, 2002, however, Examiner indicated that claims 105 - 123 are allowed. Since claims 115 - 123 were previously cancelled in Applicants' Response to the Office Action mailed July 06, 2001, Applicants are assuming that the inclusion of claims 115 - 123 as allowed claims in the Supplemental Notice of Allowability was inadvertent error. Accordingly, Applicants are